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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-23 are rejected. The specification and drawings are objected to for the reasons cited in the Office Action.

Applicants have added new Figures 7, 7A and 7B to correspond to the language set forth at pages 12 and 13 with respect to the U-shaped channel of the head portion. Applicants respectfully submit that said figures were inadvertently omitted at the time of filing the application. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that the language in Example 1 fully support the addition of the new figures. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the addition of Figures 7, 7A and 7B. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification and the Figures be withdrawn.

Claims 8, 10-12, 14 and 17-19 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type obviousness over claims 1, 7, and 8 of copending Application No. 11/239,515 in view of US 2004/0200497 (Thorp). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that perhaps an error has been made with this rejection, in that the 10/805,737 claims do not include a flange. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12, 14, and 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Ochs et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/016366) in view of Rice (U.S. 2,872,929). Claims 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Ochs et al. in view of Rice and further in view of Homola et al. (U.S. 5,980,868). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Publication No. 2004/016366 (Ochs et al.) does not constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as applied under 103(a), in that the subject matter disclosed in Ochs et al. and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, under an obligation of assignment to a common owner. Ochs et al. was under an obligation of assignment to McNeil-PPC, Inc., a New Jersey Corporation. The present application was under an obligation of assignment to Johnson & Johnson Consumers Company, Inc., a New Jersey Corporation. Each of McNeil-PPC, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Consumers Company, Inc. were wholly owned by Johnson & Johnson Corporation at the time the present invention was made. Assignments of the respective patent applications to the respective Johnson & Johnson companies are submitted herewith. As such, both were under an obligation of assignment to a common

owner at the time the invention was made. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Ochs et al. is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and request that the rejection of claims based thereupon be withdrawn.

Based on all of the foregoing Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable and request a notice of allowance to that affect.

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